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SUBJECT:FY-76 OPERATION CROSSROADS AFRICA EDUCATIONAL  
TRAVEL PROGRAMS

SUMMARY:

CU/AF ANNOUNCES THE FY-76 OCA AFRICAN INTERCHANGE PROJECTS.  
THEY ARE CHARACTERIZED BY AN ALMOST TOTAL EMPHASIS ON  
PROFESSIONALIZED PROGRAMS AND LIMITATION ON, AND SPECIAL  
IZED FOCUS OF, PROJECTS FOR WHICH STUDENTS MAY BE NOMIN-  
ATED:

1. PROLINK (40 DAY INTERNSHIP-ORIENTED PROGRAMS FOR  
PROFESSIONALS) THE MOST IMPORTANT AND PARTICIPANT-  
ADVANTAGEOUS ED TRAVEL PROJECT, PROLINK WILL BE HELD IN  
BOTH SPRING (APRIL-MAY) AND FALL (SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER) FOR  
INCREASED NOMINATION FLEXIBILITY. NOMINEES BETWEEN 25 AND  
35 WITH AT LEAST TWO YEARS IN THEIR PRESENT POSITION, WHO  
EXHIBIT FLEXIBILITY, INTELLECTUAL ABILITY, INITIATIVE, AND  
WIDE GENERAL INTERESTS HAVE THE BEST CHANCES FOR SELECTION.  
PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE INDIVIDUALIZED PROGRAMS WHICH WILL  
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INCLUDE THREE TO FOUR WEEKS IN ONE CITY EXCHANGING IDEAS,

AND LIVING AND WORKING EXPERIENCES WITH AMERICAN CONTEMPORARIES, FOLLOWED BY TWO WEEKS GROUP TRAVEL. POSTS MAY

NOMINATE INDIVIDUALS IN ANY PROFESSION RELEVANT TO THE NEEDS OF THE HOST COUNTRY EXCEPT PRACTICING PHYSICIANS.

2. PROSHARE (40 DAY EDUCATIONAL GROUP TRAVEL PROJECTS FOR PROFESSIONALS)--JULY-AUGUST. FOR PROFESSIONALS BETWEEN 25 AND 35 WITH AT LEAST TWO YEARS RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE OR ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDENTS ALREADY TARGETED FOR RELEVANT PROFESSIONS.

(A) PROFESSORS AND RESEARCHERS IN AFRICAN STUDIES: FOR PROFESSORS AND ADVANCED GRADUATE RESEARCHERS SPECIALIZING IN AFRICAN ETHNO-SOCIOLOGY. THIS PROJECT WILL CENTER AROUND SEMINARS AND CONSULTATIONS WITH NOTED AFRICANISTS IN THE U.S. IN AN ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS. PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO VISIT SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES RENOWNED FOR THEIR AFRICAN ARCHIVES.

(B) MUSEUM MANAGEMENT: FOR INDIVIDUALS SPECIALIZING IN MUSEUM MANAGEMENT, EDUCATION OR CURATORSHIP. THIS PROJECT AIMS TO EXPOSE PARTICIPANTS TO AMERICAN TECHNIQUES OF MUSEUM MANAGEMENT, ORGANIZATION AND USE OF MUSEUMS AS EDUCATION FORUMS.

### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS.

(A) ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 1. POSTS MAY NOMINATE ONE PRINCIPAL AND ONE ALTERNATE FOR EACH PROJECT ON OCA APPLICATION FORMATS BEING DISTRIBUTED TO ALL POSTS. PARTICULAR CARE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE NOMINEE'S PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS. NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER FEBRUARY WILL WITHOUT EXCEPTION BE CONSIDERED FOR ALTERNATE SLOTS ONLY. POSTS WILL BE INFORMED BY MARCH 1 OF PRIMARY CANDIDATE SELECTIONS FOR ALL PROJECTS.

(B) FURTHER PROGRAM DETAILS ARE BEING DISSEMINATED BY OCA. HOWEVER, POSTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CABLE CU/AF FOR CLARIFICATION. UNCLASSIFIED

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CATIONS OF PROJECT NOMINATION PROCEDURES OR ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS.

(C) OCA WILL PROVIDE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, WITH ITINERARY CONFIRMATION AND TICKET MCO NUMBERS BEING CABLED BY CU/AF. IT IS CRUCIAL THAT THE GRANTEE ARRIVE AS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE FULL BENEFIT OF ORIENTATION AND SPECIALIZED PROGRAM PLANNING SESSIONS. PER DIEM FOR EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL IS

CURRENTLY SET AT DOLS. 30.

(D) OCA DIRECTOR JEROME VOGEL WILL VISIT ADDRESSEES  
DECEMBER 7 TO 14 TO DISCUSS FY-76 PROJECTS AND FY-77

PLANS, AS WELL AS TO INTERVIEW ALL NOMINEES FOR PLACEMENT  
AND SUITABILITY. ITINERARY WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.  
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